
By: **Senator Stone (By Request - Baltimore County Administration)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Tax Sales - Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that ~~certain property tax sale notices published by the~~
4 ~~collector of property tax in Baltimore County meet certain requirements;~~
5 ~~requiring the Baltimore County Department of Budget and Finance to maintain~~
6 ~~a certain list of properties to be sold; requiring the Baltimore County~~
7 ~~Department of Budget and Finance to make that list available to the public; and~~
8 ~~generally relating to property tax sales notices in Baltimore County~~ the collector
9 of property tax in Baltimore County publish, at certain times, and certain
10 places, notice of a tax sale of property at public auction; and generally relating to
11 property tax sale notices.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Tax - Property
14 Section 14-813(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Tax - Property**

20 14-813.

21 (a) (1) ~~At~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2), (3), AND (4) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION, AT any time after 30 days from the mailing of the statement and notice,
23 the collector shall cause to be published, 4 times, once a week for 4 successive weeks

1 in 1 or more newspapers that have a general circulation in the county in which the
 2 property is located, a notice that the property will, on the date and at the place named
 3 in the notice, be sold at public auction.

4 (2) In Frederick County, Garrett County, Kent County, and Queen Anne's
 5 County, the notice shall be published 3 times, once a week for 3 successive weeks.

6 (3) (i) In Baltimore City, the notice shall be:

7 1. published two times, once per week in alternate weeks;

8 and

9 2. posted on the City's website 4 weeks prior to the sale.

10 (ii) The required newspaper notice shall include a statement that
 11 notice shall be posted on the City's website along with instructions on how the public
 12 can access the website.

13 (4) (I) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE NOTICE SHALL BE:

14 1. PUBLISHED TWO TIMES, ONCE PER WEEK IN ALTERNATE
 15 WEEKS; AND

16 2. POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE FOR 4 SUCCESSIVE
 17 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SALE.

18 (II) THE REQUIRED NEWSPAPER NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE A
 19 STATEMENT THAT NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE ALONG
 20 WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THE WEBSITE.

21 (4) (I) ~~IN BALTIMORE COUNTY:~~

22 1. ~~THE NOTICE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE FOURTH OF A PAGE~~
 23 ~~IN SIZE;~~

24 2. ~~THE TYPE THAT IS USED IN THE NOTICE SHALL BE AT~~
 25 ~~LEAST 18 POINT;~~

26 3. ~~THE NOTICE MAY NOT BE PLACED WITH LEGAL NOTICES~~
 27 ~~OR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS;~~

28 4. ~~THE HEADLINE FOR THE NOTICE SHALL BE IN BOLD~~
 29 ~~PRINT, WITH ALL LETTERS CAPITALIZED;~~

30 5. ~~THE TEXT OF THE NOTICE, OTHER THAN THE HEADLINE,~~
 31 ~~SHALL BE IN UPPER AND LOWER CASE LETTERS; AND~~

32 6. ~~THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT A LIST~~
 33 ~~OF PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE BALTIMORE~~
 34 ~~COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE AND ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE~~

1 ~~ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THE PUBLIC CAN OBTAIN A COPY AND ACCESS~~
2 ~~THE WEBSITE.~~

3 (H) ~~THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND~~
4 ~~FINANCE SHALL:~~

5 1. ~~MAINTAIN A LIST OF PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD THAT~~
6 ~~INCLUDES THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION;~~

7 2. ~~MAIL OR DELIVER, FREE OF COST, A COPY OF THE LIST TO~~
8 ~~AN INDIVIDUAL, ON REQUEST; AND~~

9 3. ~~POST THE LIST ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE.~~

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2003.